

CLAIMS

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 1. A garment (1) comprising an absorbent part (2) and a waist belt (3) which has a longitudinal direction (L) and a cross-direction (T) and which is attached directly or indirectly to said garment (1), wherein said belt (3) includes two belt-portions (7, 8) which extend generally in said longitudinal direction (L) in respective directions from said absorbent part (2) and which are intended to be fastened together around a wearer of the garment (1), which belt (3) has a stiffness that varies in the cross-direction (T) of the belt (3), characterised in that the stiffness that varies has an extension in the longitudinal direction (L) that essentially coincides with the length of the belt.

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 2. A garment according to claim 1, characterised in that the belt (3) comprises in its cross-direction (T) at least two mutually adjacent regions (9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15) of mutually different stiffness.

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 3. A garment according to claim 2, characterised in that the belt (3) has a longitudinally extending central part that is stiffer than at least one longitudinally extending edge-part of said belt.

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 4. A garment according to claim 1, characterised in that a part (M) of the belt (3) being located centrally between the two stiffened belt-portions (7, 8) have one and the same degree of stiffness throughout the whole of its area.

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 5. A garment according to ^{claim 1} ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, characterised in that the two belt-portions (7, 8) of said belt (3) are comprised of a generally homogenous material; and in that a cross-section through one or both of said belt-portions (7, 8) presents at least one edge-part that is thinner than the central part of said cross-section.

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6. A garment according to ^{claim 1} ~~any one of the preceding claims,~~
characterised in that at least one edge-part of the belt (3)
has been treated so as to change the stiffness of the material
locally.

7. A garment according to claim 6, characterised in that the
edge-part of said belt (3) has been heat-treated.

7. A garment according to claim 6, characterised in that the
edge-part of said belt (3) has been treated with
electromagnetic radiation.

8. A garment according to claim 6, characterised in that the
edge-part of said belt (3) has been worked mechanically.